

CITY OF ST. MARYS

ORDINANCE NO. 310

**INCREASING THE EARNED INCOME TAX IMPOSED ON
RESIDENTS OF THE CITY**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Local Tax Enabling Act, P.L. 1257, No. 511, December 31, 1965, 53 P.S. Section 6913 and 6924.101 et seq, as amended, permits political subdivisions of the Commonwealth to impose an earned income tax;

AND WHEREAS, the City of St. Marys has adopted a Home Rule Charter pursuant to the provisions of the Pennsylvania Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, P.L. 1158, No. 177, 1996, December 19, 53 Pa. C.S.A. 2901 et seq, as amended (the "Home Rule Law");

AND WHEREAS, Section 2962(b) of the Home Rule Law removes any limitation on the City of St. Marys to impose rates of taxation upon residents of the City;

AND WHEREAS, City Council, after due deliberation, has determined that it is necessary and in the best interests of the City of St. Marys to raise the earned income tax on residents primarily to provide funds for infrastructure improvements, including roads, bridges and associated storm water control facilities;

AND WHEREAS, the St. Marys Area School District currently levies an earned income tax of 1.0 percent and the City currently also levies an earned income tax of 1.0 percent on residents of the City, resulting in an effective rate of earned income tax of 0.5 percent levied by each entity on residents of the City;

AND WHEREAS, St. Marys City Council has determined that an increase of earned income taxes on residents of 0.20 percent will not cause the over-all limit of tax revenues imposed by Section 320 of the Local Tax Enabling Act to be exceeded;

NOW THEREFORE, St. Marys City Council ordains as follows:

Section 1. Increase of Earned Income Tax.

Chapter 24, Part 1, Section 102 of the St. Marys City Code is amended to read as follows:

"1. A tax for general revenue purposes of 1.0 percent, and an additional tax of 0.20 percent (from which 85% of the revenues are to be used for infrastructure improvements consisting of roads, bridges and associated storm water control facilities and 15% are to be used for general revenue purposes) is hereby imposed on:

- A. Salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation earned or paid on or after January 1 of any year by residents of the City of St. Marys; and
- B. The net profits earned on or after January 1 of any year of businesses, professions or other activities conducted by such residents.”

Section 2. Effective Date.

This amendment to Chapter 24 shall take effect on January 1, 2019, and shall continue thereafter from year to year unless further amended by City Council.

ADOPTED at a duly constituted and advertised meeting of City Council of the City of St. Marys this 17 day of December, 2018.

CITY OF ST. MARYS

By: 

Mayor

ATTEST:



Secretary